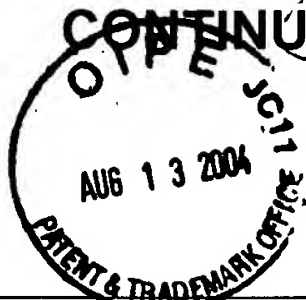


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Application Number	09/927,110
Filing Date	August 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Zhu et al.
Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	L. Spector
Attorney Docket Number	SMART1240

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
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- iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment, Petition for Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
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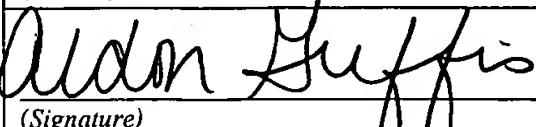
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on February 10, 2004, with respect to the above-referenced application. The period of time for responding to the Final Office Action was set to expire on May 10, 2004. Applicants petition herewith for a three month extension of time.

Applicants have considered each of the rejections raised and offer the following amendments and remarks in response. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

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Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.